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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 5,846,177 (Mayr), dated December 8, 1998;

United States Patent No. 5,782,464 (Höhle et al.), dated July 21, 1998, and corresponding German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 195 22 903 A1, dated January 2, 1997;

Swiss Patent CH 250 235 (inventor not named), dated June 1, 1948, device for the continuous distribution of sheets of paper cut from a continuous sheet rolling off a reel;

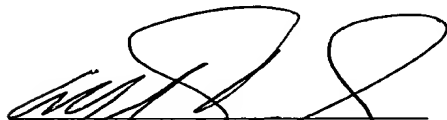
European Search Report dated September 3, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (d), consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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